CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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A Message from Attorney General Gregory D. Stumbo

Children of Kentucky are our most precious resource. This is the essential message of the Child Support Enforcement Commission 2004 Report. By increasing personal contact with constituents and providing information or assistance to more than 5,000 families, this message is loud and clear.

Also this past year, the Investigator Program has proven to be very successful. This success is measured by the more than 3,000 children who benefited from the Investigator Program in 2004. These numbers are

expected to increase as investigators continue to be exhaustively resourceful and innovative when location, asset investigations or service assistance are requested.

In 2005, the Commission will strive to improve the lives of all of the Commonwealth's children. This will be achieved by continuing to provide program recommendations, assistance and information to the public, child support personnel and law enforcement.

Attorney General

Gregory D. Stumbo

A Message from Dr. James Holsinger, Jr., Secretary of the Cabinet for Health & Family Services

The Kentucky Child Support Program made gains in three primary areas during Federal Fiscal Year 2004. Collections increased by 15 percent, paternity establishment improved by 7.27 percent, and preliminary data from the Federal Office of Child Enforcement shows Kentucky climbing eight places to 31st in the nation.

The primary strengths of the child support enforcement program are in the program itself. However, it takes the knowledge of committed contracting officials and staff statewide along with the cooperation of parents, employers, health care providers and other agencies to ensure that the best interest of the child is the heart and underlying motive when performing child support activities. We continue to work with the Kentucky Department of Revenue to collect delinquent child support.

As of December 31, 2004, our joint collection effort with the Department of Revenue increased by 383.14 percent over the prior year. The total collected for 2004 was over \$1.4 million. The number of cases assigned to the Department of Revenue also showed a dramatic increase over the prior year, from 469 to 10,281.

In addition, Kentucky entered into a pilot project with the Electronic Parent Locate Network to assist other states by seizing accounts in financial institutions located in Kentucky, without requiring the other state to open a full service case in Kentucky. The Medical Support Enforcement Project was implemented, and the Division of Child Support and the Department of Medicaid continue to work together to enhance the data sharing between the two agencies.

The Child Support Program will pilot the Cabinet's initiative to implement the Stored Value Card that offers families a second method of receiving electronic payments. A data clean up project will be conducted to attain a 95 percent confidence level in the reliability of the paternity data. Other program initiatives include developing a data match with the Department of Labor to identify non-custodial parents with payments for back wages and developing a data match to identify Worker's Compensation claims.

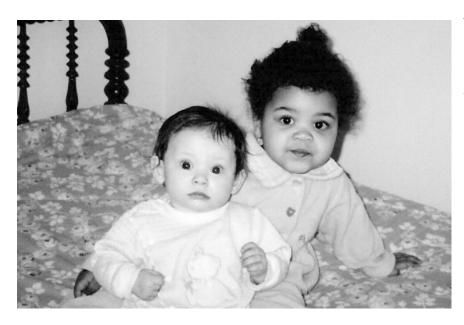
The Child Support Program continues to make great strides forward by working diligently with other agencies to promote interdependency through partnerships and to gain shared knowledge. Our collaborative goal with partner agencies remains supporting self-sufficiency among low-income families.

Sincerely

James W. Holsinger, Jr., M.D

Secretary

Our Mission



The Child Support Enforcement Commission was established by statute in 1988 by the Kentucky General Assembly. Located in the Office of the Attorney General, the Commission acts in an advisory capacity on child support issues to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Cabinet for Health & Family Services, the Department of Law, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. By holding quarterly open meetings, the Commission also provides a regular forum for those involved in the child support system to discuss aspects of the administrative or judicial system and to offer recommendations for improvements to the program.

Outreach and Response

During 2004, the Commission received approximately 2,600 requests from citizens seeking information or assistance with their child support case. Custodial parents and non-custodial parents contacted the Commission with their concerns via telephone calls, letters, e-mail, or in person. Over 1,200 of these requests required personal assistance by the Commission.

The Commission continued in its commitment to ensure that state government does its part to foster accountability, efficiency, and responsibility in the child support program. In addition, the Commission continued its efforts to provide child support education by distributing pamphlets, utilizing internet



education, and holding public forums. The Commission held regular quarterly meetings of the full Commission as well as Commission subcommittees as necessary.

Legislation

The Commission fully supported the Cabinet for Families and Children and the Guidelines Commission's efforts to review and update current child support laws.

Proposed legislation included:

- HB 75 would amend KRS 403.212 to add new amounts in the child support guidelines table;.
- HB 76 an act relating to adjustments to child support awards for shared parenting time which would create a new section of KRS Chapter 403 to establish conditions for adjusting child support awards.



Neither bill passed.

for failure to pay child support

George L. Reuthebuck

Owes his child over \$36,000



Date of Birth: 6/21/72 Hair: BRN Eyes: BRN Occupation: LABORER



Number of Children: 1



Ht: 5'8" Wt: 140 Hair: BLK Eyes: BRN Occupation: Laborer

Last known address: LOUISVILLE, KY

Date of Birth: 4/20/66

Martin Juan Hinkle Owes his child over \$23,000





Date of Birth: 10/27/39 Hair: BRN Eyes: BRN Occupation: UNKNOWN Number of Children: 1

David Dovle Massie

Owes his child over \$61,000



Hair: BRN Eves: GRN Occupation: LABORER

Walker D. Rose



Number of Children: 6 Mark S. Robinson Owes his children over \$67,000

Date of Birth: 10/10/60 Ht: 6'2" Wt: 175 Hair: BLK Eyes: BRN Occupation: UNKNOWN Number of Children: 1

Nathaniel Thornton Owes his child over \$12,000

Date of Birth: 5/27/57 Ht: 5'8" Wt: 175 Hair: BRN Eves: BLUE

Bruce "Scott" Herald Owes his children over \$22,000

as as to the whereabouts of these individuals.

Perry Lee Richardson Owes his child over \$23,000



Date of Birth: 1/31/58 Ht: 6'1" Wt: 220 Hair: BRN Eves: GRN

Robert Collins Owes his children over \$10,000

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Most Wanted Campaign

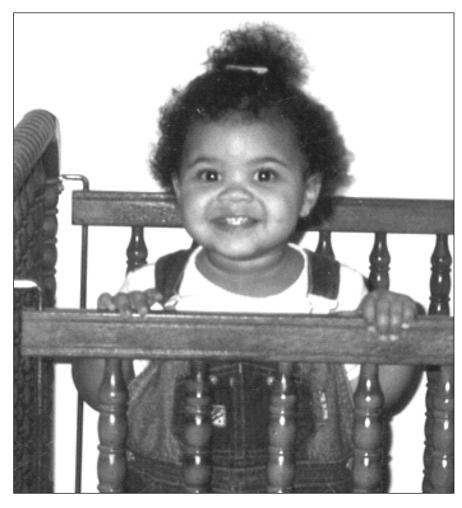
Strengthening our efforts to apprehend parents who owe child support and to send the strongest possible message that neglecting one's child support responsibilities will be seriously punished was enhanced by the updating and improved distribution of our "Most Wanted" Poster.

In an effort to afford more custodial parents an opportunity to participate in the "Most Wanted" campaign, a component was added to the Commission's web site listing the criteria for nominating evaders and information on how to get a parent posted.

WANTED ON THE WER

http://www.law.state.kv.us/childsupport/wanted.htm

Investigator Project



Due to the success of the Investigator Pilot Project implemented in April 1998, the Commission hired two additional Investigators in 1999, bringing the total to four.

Now covering most of the state, the Investigators work with local Contracting Officials, the Division of Child Support, the State Parent Locator Section, and the Commission to improve and expedite child support processes. The Investigators work with local law enforcement to facilitate service of process for cases that haven't been successful through regular procedures. In addition, the Investigators attempt to uncover hidden assets and wages that have been paid with unreported cash.

This project has been highly successful. Already over 2,300 families and more than 3,000 children have benefited from the efforts of these Investigators.

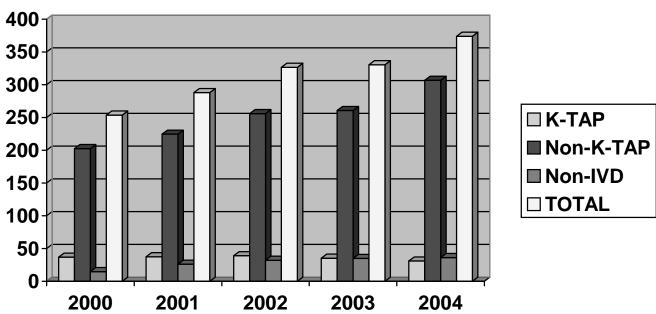
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FEBRUARY	49	254	212	196	132	71	8	2	42	20	18	0	90	11	29	1	0	3	0	0
MARCH	64	322	193	256	142	118	14	5	47	27	18	8	137	13	44	0	0	3	0	0
APRIL	45	289	152	178	176	78	9	2	48	29	17	1	92	18	38	0	0	1	0	16
MAY	46	247	191	183	161	89	21	4	48	22	10	7	85	9	22	0	1	1	0	20
JUNE	53	277	214	212	210	79	10	2	53	27	16	1	105	5	33	0	0	0	0	13
JULY	44	234	235	175	176	41	10	2	58	22	13	1	72	18	24	0	0	1	0	10
AUGUST	49	254	173	197	195	61	21	3	42	28	39	9	125	13	45	0	1	1	0	36
SEPTEMBER	51	257	159	202	198	69	15	2	51	32	22	0	126	11	27	0	0	0	0	27
OCTOBER	61	318	201	245	244	101	27	0	52	25	42	0	132	2	27	0	0	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	51	241	184	202	198	69	15	2	57	32	22	0	83	11	14	0	0	0	0	5
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% Completed YTD					89%	36%	20%	1%	24%	13%	10%	1%	50%	5%	15%	0%	0%	1%	0%	5%

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN EACH CASE DOES NOT REFLECT NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD

Kentucky Child Support Collections

Child Support collections continued to increase last year. The efforts of the Division of Child Support and the Contracting Officials led to a \$43 million increase from the previous year and they are to be commended.





Federal Fiscal Year	*2000	*2001	2002	2003	2004
K-TAP	\$ 36,684,801	\$ 37,358,131	\$ 38,913,104	\$ 35,061,057	\$ 30,969,105
Non-K-TAP	\$ 202,397,928	\$ 224,527,022	\$ 255,804,431	\$ 260,560,686	\$ 306,653,127
Non-IVD	\$ 14,616,539	\$ 25,987,114	\$ 31,852,546	\$ 34,790,898	\$ 36,218,402
TOTAL	\$ 253,699,268	\$ 287,872,267	\$ 326,570,081	\$ 330,412,641	\$ 373,840,634

^{*}As corrected by the Division of Child Support.

County Program Statistics

COUNTY	JUNE 2004 %OF TOTAL # OF OPEN CASES	JUNE 2004 % OF TOTAL # PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT RATIO	JUNE 2004 CURRENT YEAR OBLIGATIONS VS CURRENT YEAR COLLECTIONS RATION	SFY 2004 TOTAL COLLECTIONS
Adair	89.14%	90.77%	67.01%	\$ 1,328,587.08
Allen	84.86%	86.00%	67.60%	\$ 1,937,368.64
Anderson	72.08%	77.24%	68.18%	\$ 1,737,349.87
Ballard	70.79%	82.23%	55.98%	\$ 769,556.27
Barren	67.55%	80.81%	56.77%	\$ 2,955,827.51
Bath	58.01%	69.21%	59.83%	\$ 1,082,888.22
Bell	67.60%	79.45%	56.37%	\$ 2,317,625.30
Boone	88.35%	87.78%	72.84%	\$ 12,381,361.40
Bourbon	55.61%	70.86%	56.55%	\$ 1,523,662.42
Boyd	57.67%	71.18%	47.74%	\$ 3,046,513.87
Boyle	59.26%	76.00%	52.11%	\$ 2,145,894.70
Bracken	57.24%	73.36%	62.21%	\$ 689,378.41
Breathitt	74.07%	86.30%	51.64%	\$ 1,204,184.09
Breckinridge	69.40%	83.60%	65.00%	\$ 1,562,937.21
Bullitt	66.28%	73.66%	56.20%	\$ 3,514,214.31
Butler	77.61%	88.76%	58.09%	\$ 990,928.98
Caldwell	70.52%	82.60%	56.92%	\$ 1,011,923.36
Calloway	57.58%	64.80%	49.89%	\$ 1,704,598.13

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Campbell	74.05%	77.60%	60.61%	\$ 10,172,929.71
Carlisle	68.37%	77.19%	54.18%	\$ 397,336.19
Carroll	74.74%	80.17%	58.90%	\$ 1,212,018.04
Carter	72.96%	83.83%	51.84%	\$ 2,155,185.93
Casey	77.10%	86.51%	58.77%	\$ 1,045,130.93
Christian	76.75%	82.22%	63.16%	\$ 8,182,092.78
Clark	63.74%	73.45%	55.70%	\$ 2,843,358.50
Clay	70.40%	76.71%	38.04%	\$ 1,205,846.24
Clinton	74.61%	81.96%	56.61%	\$ 619,752.47
Crittenden	68.28%	86.16%	64.71%	\$ 779,115.63
Cumberland	58.59%	82.63%	55.80%	\$ 373,888.71
Daviess	75.71%	86.71%	51.23%	\$ 6,625,828.14
Edmonson	51.91%	67.16%	54.99%	\$ 482,262.48
Elliott	52.27%	76.50%	40.29%	\$ 340,748.23
Estill	60.00%	77.08%	51.88%	\$ 989,236.29
Fayette	67.47%	77.97%	49.31%	\$ 17,365,255.55
Fleming	67.06%	79.07%	53.95%	\$ 1,000,901.96
Floyd	67.69%	82.04%	51.13%	\$ 3,049,075.55
Franklin	74.87%	82.80%	59.71%	\$ 3,956,826.51
Fulton	61.39%	69.78%	43.14%	\$ 950,486.76
Gallatin	82.69%	87.71%	65.27%	\$ 809,980.06
Garrard	55.88%	63.84%	58.28%	\$ 923,692.62
Grant	73.28%	86.09%	64.85%	\$ 2,818,115.19

COUNTY	JUNE 2004 %OF TOTAL # OF OPEN	JUNE 2004 % OF TOTAL # PATERNITY	JUNE 2004 CURRENT YEAR OBLIGATIONS	SFY 2004 TOTAL COLLECTIONS
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Graves	68.90%	81.99%	56.30%	\$ 2,530,583.30
Grayson	70.56%	88.79%	58.71%	\$ 2,137,453.21
Green	80.52%	90.76%	63.23%	\$ 717,555.93
Greenup	56.35%	79.10%	50.01%	\$ 1,957,663.19
Hancock	60.22%	85.65%	58.69%	\$ 688,046.96
Hardin	74.57%	81.38%	59.51%	\$ 8,241,520.06
Harlan	80.07%	90.17%	57.08%	\$ 2,413,065.13
Harrison	90.46%	93.29%	68.36%	\$ 1,941,236.24
Hart	67.10%	83.67%	61.60%	\$ 1,422,903.70
Henderson	73.36%	83.01%	61.28%	\$ 5,257,096.36
Henry	73.55%	84.71%	61.80%	\$ 1,572,471.21
Hickman	65.63%	82.91%	54.30%	\$ 305,310.45
Hopkins	58.09%	77.16%	53.44%	\$ 4,184,970.47
Jackson	64.45%	61.77%	44.09%	\$ 847,243.34
Jefferson	55.61%	78.74%	44.99%	\$ 66,281,458.88
Jessamine	70.45%	80.11%	52.83%	\$ 3,013,283.71
Johnson	79.44%	89.59%	47.04%	\$ 1,446,681.17
Kenton	75.02%	80.69%	62.90%	\$ 17,120,940.57
Knott	65.94%	81.77%	50.69%	\$ 1,142,428.88
Knox	50.39%	68.29%	46.84%	\$ 1,778,427.61
Larue	83.00%	92.96%	68.47%	\$ 1,579,281.91
Laurel	47.80%	67.40%	45.80%	\$ 2,529,222.78
Lawrence	71.64%	77.81%	51.99%	\$ 913,469.65

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Lee	71.11%	81.95%	47.76%	\$ 532,588.39
Leslie	82.89%	94.77%	52.86%	\$ 751,977.60
Letcher	62.52%	80.57%	47.57%	\$ 1,539,227.43
Lewis	57.26%	71.22%	46.92%	\$ 708,055.41
Lincoln	61.72%	73.96%	54.16%	\$ 1,803,576.20
Livingston	68.75%	75.76%	62.65%	\$ 829,769.28
Logan	87.21%	91.43%	58.00%	\$ 2,362,210.21
Lyon	69.05%	86.84%	61.13%	\$ 404,185.84
McCracken	53.38%	69.22%	47.69%	\$ 5,031,359.67
McCreary	60.28%	73.14%	43.25%	\$ 1,159,483.71
McLean	75.00%	83.78%	62.86%	\$ 993,320.84
Madison	65.03%	76.97%	51.40%	\$ 4,447,912.59
Magoffin	57.83%	75.12%	46.24%	\$ 811,170.03
Marion	72.78%	88.91%	55.40%	\$ 1,285,398.06
Marshall	61.75%	71.14%	53.99%	\$ 1,894,065.13
Martin	67.44%	81.96%	46.68%	\$ 820,966.62
Mason	64.48%	77.73%	55.36%	\$ 1,464,709.72
Meade	70.01%	81.83%	57.49%	\$ 2,061,581.02
Menifee	57.85%	75.00%	56.81%	\$ 425,871.80
Mercer	52.90%	65.07%	56.50%	\$ 1,379,670.89
Metcalfe	66.40%	81.08%	49.20%	\$ 569,384.11
Monroe	68.91%	78.08%	52.25%	\$ 560,013.98
Montgomery	73.32%	83.55%	54.85%	\$ 1,923,588.69

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Morgan	75.75%	82.04%	58.57%	\$ 888,706.10
Muhlenburg	59.68%	78.06%	47.68%	\$ 1,542,113.11
Nelson	78.72%	87.44%	61.10%	\$ 3,128,837.07
Nicholas	76.95%	86.80%	64.18%	\$ 663,951.12
Ohio	61.23%	75.87%	51.46%	\$ 1,332,613.95
Oldham	93.77%	97.37%	73.21%	\$ 2,252,342.97
Owen	88.67%	91.58%	68.89%	\$ 959,244.79
Owsley	41.62%	71.29%	32.34%	\$ 247,752.72
Pendleton	77.24%	84.75%	66.70%	\$ 1,808,138.77
Perry	72.86%	83.81%	55.30%	\$ 2,024,640.25
Pike	75.68%	84.11%	49.24%	\$ 4,670,711.87
Powell	74.76%	89.85%	55.49%	\$ 1,504,887.94
Pulaski	69.08%	80.76%	55.87%	\$ 5,212,899.36
Robertson	58.89%	76.60%	51.97%	\$ 119,864.22
Rockcastle	71.63%	80.72%	49.78%	\$ 1,272,456.75
Rowan	68.51%	74.95%	62.80%	\$ 1,560,927.66
Russell	63.29%	77.76%	57.40%	\$ 1,367,604.90
Scott	57.70%	69.74%	54.43%	\$ 2,611,078.09
Shelby	63.30%	76.97%	60.59%	\$ 2,556,901.48
Simpson	74.02%	83.61%	56.36%	\$ 2,058,340.25
Spencer	46.23%	58.30%	56.13%	\$ 470,501.67
Taylor	65.20%	83.23%	58.28%	\$ 1,341,632.40
Todd	60.73%	69.69%	57.53%	\$ 763,348.05

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Trigg	79.00%	87.78%	63.42%	\$ 941,821.37
Trimble	71.31%	79.46%	61.06%	\$ 700,664.51
Union	78.52%	85.80%	64.27%	\$ 2,235,487.62
Warren	60.68%	69.47%	51.01%	\$ 5,215,392.51
Washington	82.21%	89.96%	67.10%	\$ 548,143.31
Wayne	65.39%	78.45%	51.29%	\$ 1,021,013.19
Webster	50.22%	70.03%	52.64%	\$ 1,138,974.30
Whitley	50.88%	70.51%	40.85%	\$ 2,293,059.84
Wolfe	50.80%	76.11%	57.86%	\$ 721,123.55
Woodford	74.76%	82.96%	63.94%	\$ 1,762,377.34
Data from Cabinet for Families and Ch	ildren, Division of Child Supp	port		





Commission Members

MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED: Ex officio: Attorney General or designee, who shall serve as Chairman; Secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, who shall serve as Vice Chairman; Director of Administrative Office of the Courts; and Director of the Division of Child Support or designee. Five members appointed by the Governor, as follow: 3 members from a list of 9 nominees submitted by the Kentucky County Attorney Association, with 1 of the 3 members representing either a first class or urban county government, and 2 citizen-at-large members.

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